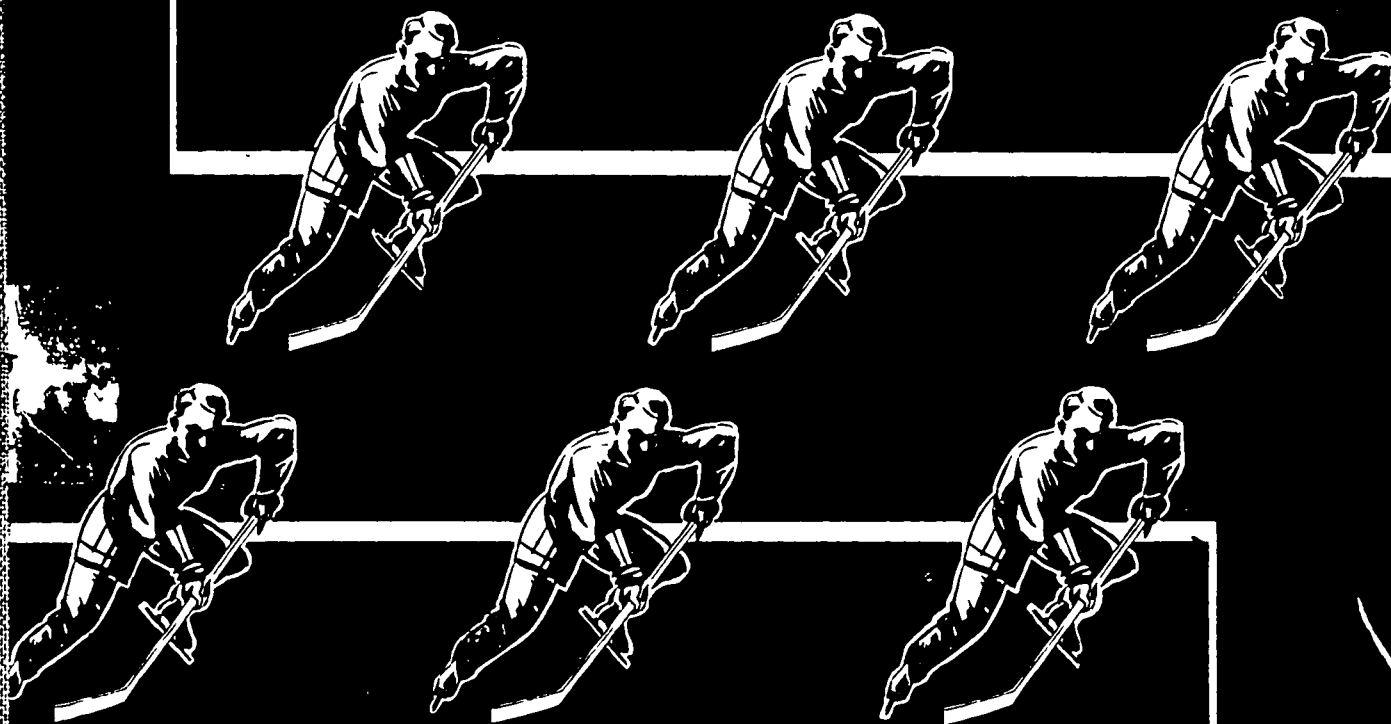


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USE OF ENGLISH

To the Editor,

Sir: I have been not only amused, but also quite interested in the recent controversy over present student English.

Professor Greene very aptly puts the question, and I flatter myself in agreeing with him wholeheartedly.

It would, in my opinion, put us in a rather hopeless position, if we suggested that good reading and good writing are no longer of any major importance. Will we ever cease to express our views in writing, or will we ever cease reading the knowledge of others? I think not. Thus our English will always be of paramount importance.

If anyone doubts that the English of present-day students has become "intolerable" merely ask the opinion of a goodly number of experienced high-school teachers.

During the past 22 years I have noted a steady decline in the standard of students graduating from our schools. I would not suggest that any one reason is responsible for same. On the contrary, there are many and diverse reasons for this and in my opinion our course of studies is not one of them.

In conclusion I must say it is gratifying to read the views of an authority on the value and use of good English, also to see these expressed in good English.

I am satisfied, that few if any employers will be influenced materially by the statement: "Does It Really Matter?"

W. R. THURN, B.A.

Delisle.

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Note on the Writer

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WALTER R. THURN, twenty years a school teacher, school principal, coach of numerous athletics, physical director and health instructor of City Collegiates for five years. Provincial welterweight boxing champion 1937, and inter-Provincial, inter-Varsity champion and Dominion contender 1939—"The Battling School Principal." Winner of Provincial Olympic quarter mile 1932, and Olympic attendant at Los Angeles. Active in track and field athletics, boxing, tumbling and apparatus work for twenty-five years to date. Claimant of Dominion record for fracturing ribs in competition (fifteen verified).

The writer's purpose is to draw attention to the various achievements of a world-famed hockey family, to clarify same individually, with ages, weights and sizes; correct a few false impressions, as well as point out a few characteristics of note, with incidents of interest. A demand by fans, long overlooked, is hereby partially filled. This story contains, as suggested in some cases, the writer's opinion; in other cases, a general consensus of opinion with many undisputable facts. The writer also wishes to thank the numerous supporters of this venture, who not only supported it by advertising, but also by gratifying words of encouragement and agreement.

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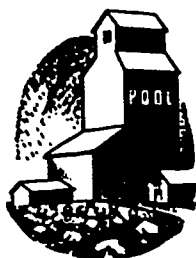
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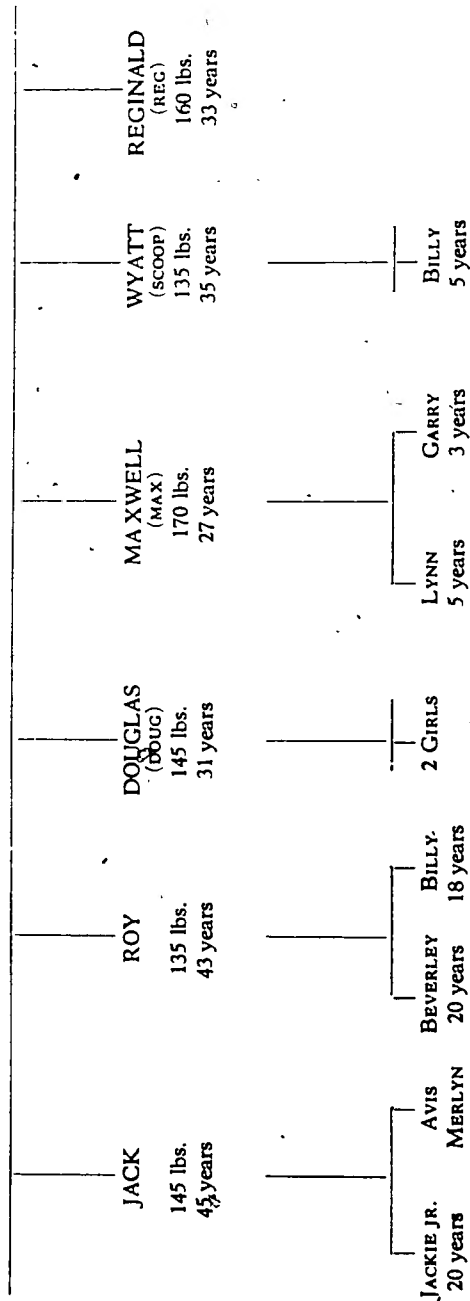
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THE BENTLEYS

By WALTER R. THURN, B.A., Principal and Physical Director, Deslisle School District

MR. WILLIAM BENTLEY, Sr., father of the world's greatest and largest hockey family, is today reclining on his laurels, only to become very alert and animated when hockey is mentioned.

He carries on his duties as a merchant in his mild and polite manner, with a twinkle in his eye indicative of much hidden fire and enthusiasm.

The first appearance of this former farmer, real estate agent, and present merchant, together with his reserved manner, would not suggest a great athletic history with equally great careers attached.

This father of a world-famous hockey team, and no mean baseball team, has himself been a prominent athlete, with over twenty years' experience as a mentor of hockey clubs.

In fifteen minutes he is able to relate more hockey incidents of significance—more than an average reporter in twice that number of hours. At his finger tips he has dates, events, and names of every major league game on record in the twentieth century hockey—incredible at seventy-four years of age.

On scanning the picture, one observes several probably all-time records established by his family.

A total of over 100 years of hockey played by his sons.

More sons played organized top-flight hockey than any other family on record. (Entire family of six boys).

More major league games played than any other family at any time.

Five brothers in one family to play professional hockey.

Members of this family have played on championship teams of more classes of hockey than any other family on record: juvenile, junior, intermediate, senior, and on Stanley Cup play-offs.

More goals scored than by any other number of players of a family in the world at the same time.

Three sons in the National Hockey League at one time.

High scorers in provincial, intermediate, senior, Pacific coast league, and N.H.L. hockey.

Two sons as N.H.L. high scorers, one a repeater, and both on several N.H.L. all-star teams.

More individual honors won than by any other family: Hart Trophy, Lady Byng Trophy most valued players in three different classes of hockey, on all-star N.H.L. team, as well as double an equal number of minor honors in international hockey circles.

The only family on record to have a crack male and a female hockey team.

When these envious records are perused, one can but marvel and wonder what the reason thereof may be.

It is by no mere accident that the greatest, fastest and trickiest hockey family should have their origin in a relatively unknown Saskatchewan town, Delisle, that could not even boast a rink in the earlier days of hockey.

Though William Bentley, Sr., played little or no hockey, I find he was at one time one of the fastest men on skates. He has on numerous occasions competed with the world famous speed skater, Norval Baptie, who was at one time a mate of William, Sr., at their home in Pembina, N.D. Baptie was at that time, and for many years to follow, world speed king.

Mrs. William, Sr., we are told, was also very vivacious in her youth, and an excellent skater.

To these inherited physical characteristics do I largely attribute the speed and trickery of the Bentley brothers. Something which has caused great admiration and wonderment of many fans for years, and something which many people to date have been unable to attribute to any special characteristic. Inherited physical characteristics are here notably evident, as every descendant of this family is most active and proficient on ice.

These natural abilities, coupled with the best known principles of a manager, coach and trainer, bore fruit.

Emphasis placed on good physical condition, attained by conscientious, strenuous and rigorous training before competition; the advantage of speed and mental dexterity, when outweighed by an opponent, have been the chief teachings of their versatile and respected father.

These factors, in the writer's opinion, have

led to such hockey prowess. For good measure the boys practise great moderation and often total abstinence, in the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

All of the family learned to skate at three or four years of age, but this is not at all uncommon among all boys of Western Canada.

Thirty years ago, when six-man hockey was first introduced, two teen-aged lads, Jack and Roy, fourteen and twelve years of age, respectively, started a career for which the family later became internationally known. These boys became renowned for the contrasting type of hockey they played.

Had there been such a thing as a Lady Byng Trophy in Western Canada, Jack would surely have it, while Roy is a close second to notoriously rough Eddie Shore. On one occasion while the referee was busily engaged in a corner fracas, Roy, who was somewhat provoked at the opposition, deliberately kicked the skates out under two successive players, and calmly skated back to his zone unnoticed.

Shinney, a game similar to hockey, was for many years played by these lads, on ponds, creeks, or what have you, for ice. A manner in which many a hockey notable started a career.

This method contented the boys for several years until the semblance of an open-air rink was constructed.

After several more years of this rough activity which teaches a boy to avoid collision and injury, a rink was finally constructed in Delisle, Saskatchewan, in the year 1917. In 1930 an addition was constructed to make it practically regulation size—a little late for the Bentley brothers.

This helped to make organized hockey possible—something rather uncommon in Western Canada at this time.

The Town of Delisle was not slow in taking advantage of such prospects, and a crack intermediate team was organized in 1925-26 under the management of William Bentley, Sr. This club, with little opposition, won the Northern Saskatchewan intermediate title, but found the going too tough with the Weyburn Beavers in the Provincial final. It was during the Northern Saskatchewan final with Wilkie, Sask., that one of these unpleasant situations, so common in hockey history, occurred. Wilkie, completely outclassed by the Bentley led squad, decided to obtain revenge by mobbing the players, who were so tricky and fast that the poorer calibre of the opposition was too readily revealed. A hasty departure through a window made an escape possible, after barring the dressing room door.

This has been the case on many occasions when players become incensed at the speed and agility of lighter and more clever players. Many of these organized "take out" tactics of players will be eliminated if and when the boarding and corner play rules, which are so much discussed today, come into effect. This was not hockey in the "good old stick handling" days. However, when the Delisle camp returned to Wilkie for the final game, under police escort, the Wilkie crowd and players treated the visitors in a courteous and respectful manner. Thanks to the R.C.M.P. and the good management of William.

This experience of the club led to a stronger and better team the following season, 1926-27, when they, with the same line-up, swept all Provincial intermediate competition aside.

This competition was established only a few years previous. Some notables of this team were the original Bentley brothers, Jack and Roy, Jimmie Bullen and Gordon Murray. The latter, with a better opportunity, might have gone far as a goalie. A good opportunity must not be confused with lack of initiative. Many clever hockey players fail to reach the heights simply because of the lack of an opportunity; others use it as an alibi.

JACK BENTLEY

Club	Results	Years
Local Unorganized Clubs	Experience	1916-25
Delisle Int. Tigers	N. Sask. Int. Champions	1925-26
Delisle Int. Tigers	Prov. Int. Champions	1926-27
Delisle Senior Tigers	Prov. Senior Champions	1927-28
Lloydminster Prolites	Prov. Int. Finals	1928-29
Lloydminster Prolites	Prov. Int. Eliminations	1929-30
Drumheller Miners	Prov. Int. Finals	1930-31
Camrose, Alta., Seniors	2nd High Scorer	
Bawlf Int. Club	Prov. Int. Finals	1931-32
(Coach and Player)	Prov. Eliminations	1934-35
Moose Jaw Sr. Millers	Eliminated	1935-36
(Coach and Player)		
Coach Jr. & Int. Local Clubs		1936-47
	Retired from Active Hockey.	

ROY BENTLEY

Local Hockey Clubs	Conditioning	1916-25
Delisle Tigers	N. Sask. Int. Champions	1925-26
Delisle Tigers	Prov. Int. Champions	1926-27
Delisle Tigers	Prov. Senior Champions	1927-28
Lloydminster Elks	Led Scoring—Prov. Int. Finals	1928-29
Lloydminster Elks	Led Scoring, Prov. Int. Finals.	1929-30
Drumheller Miners	Led Semi-finals.	1930-31
Drumheller Miners	Led League in Scoring	1931-32
Delisle Tigers	N. Sask. Playoffs	1932-33
Duluth Hornets		1933-34
Moose Jaw Senior Millers	Prov. Sr. Semi-finals	1934-35
Moose Jaw Senior Millers	Prov. Sr. Semi-finals.	1935-36
Rosetown Int. Red Wings	Prov. Int. Champions	1936-37
(Playing Coach)		
*Drumheller Miners	Prov. Int. Finals.	1937-38
*Drumheller Miners	Prov. Int. Finals	1938-39
*Drumheller Miners	Prov. Int. Finals	1939-40
*Drumheller Miners	Prov. Int. Finals	1940-41
*Trail Smoke Eaters.	Prov. Senior Finals	1941-42
(Playing Coach)		
*Local Clubs: Pee Wee Team	Won Jones Trophy	1942-43
*Trail Juveniles	W. Can. Juv. Champions	1943-44
*Moose Jaw Jr. Canucks.	W. Can. Jr. Champions	1944-45
(Coach)		
Delisle Int.		1945-46
Swift Current Int. Indians.	Top of S. League.	1946-47
(Coach)		
Medicine Hat, Alta., Jrs.		1947-48
(Coach)		



Back—J. Miller; Wm. Bentley, Sr.; A. C. Anderson, Sec.; W. Orchard, Mgr.; C. Murray. Centre: C. Collins; J. Bullen; G. Murray; R. Salt; Roy Bentley. Front: J. Bentley; E. Paterson

A common method adopted by goalies for practice in those days was to stand by hours in lanes, on the street, or any convenient spot, and have sharpshooters flick balls, boulders, or pucks at them from any range and angle.

Several years later this same method was observed by the writer in the big hockey town of Melville when such sharp shooters as Jimmy Kelly, Nick Doyle and Freddie Carter, were flicking pucks at Wilf Cude, later of the Canadiens. Carter, a tricky little player of the Bentley type, might easily have gone to big-time hockey with many other Melville products had he so desired.

A tip on Max's and Doug's shooting practice: These boys have been seen early in their career shooting at a knot-hole into which a puck would fit snugly, by the hour, and in the course of an afternoon would notch it several times. Is it any wonder, then, that no corner of an exposed net is safe? It has been said most unfairly that

these boys are opportunists, but they have been so for years and no one has been able to stop them.

The year 1927-28 saw the town of Delisle enter senior competition, a class which, even then they were evidently quite equal to. As their line-up was practically unchanged, they had little difficulty in sweeping the Province in senior competition with a nine-man team.

Much credit is due Bill Orchard of Delisle who not only largely sponsored "The Tigers" but also acted as travelling manager, chauffeur and financier of the team, not mentioning the dates he had to pass up on this account.

The so-called poor sportsmanship of Delisle may have its origin here. Seldom, if ever, was any small town able to defeat the Bentley-led town. As a consequence some of the younger generation have the idea that Delisle must always win. Little do they realize that the material is no longer there, or that the Bentleys, who

made Delisle famous, have all gone to greener pastures. This spirit is still evident in other Delisle sports, and the writer will confess its prevalence for many years. It will take many years and much teaching to abolish this spirit.

Severe criticism may fall on these remarks, but it is the writer's purpose to be honest. What a team this town could have today if it could hold its local lads:

Max of Toronto Maple Leafs.

Doug of Chicago Black Hawks.

Dick Butler of Chicago Black Hawks and Kansas City Playmors.

Bev Bentley of Chicago Black Hawks' farm club, loaned to Oakland for 1947-48.

Jack Miller of Chicago Black Hawks' farm club, loaned to Oakland for 1947-48.

Reg of the Saskatoon Quakers.

Scoop of the Seattle Ironmen.

Jackie, Medicine Hat, Alta., Juniors.

But who would pay these boys over \$30,000 to keep them here for a season?

The succeeding year saw the Tigers a bit scattered, playing with diverse teams of lesser prominence. It was at this time that a third brother, Reg, the Bentley with the permanent grin, entered the hockey wars.

The 1928-29-30 seasons found Jack and Roy holding down line positions on the inter-provincial Lloydminster Elites, where Roy led the scoring both seasons. The Drumheller Miners of the Alberta mining town acquired the older brothers for the 1930-31 hockey season, while brother Reg remained at home, playing a little hockey on occasion in Saskatoon. Jack went to the Camrose senior sextet the next season, and Roy again led the scoring with the Drumheller Miners.

Due to the residence rule effective at this time, the brothers were excluded from the inter-provincial play-offs, in which Saskatoon carried off the honors.

At this time another town of hockey fame, Melville, Sask., was developing such stars as

Alex. Motter, Phil Beszler, Jimmie Franks and Sid Abel. It was then that the late Goldie Smith, internationally known hockey scout of Melville, was heard to state: "If we had the Bentleys in Melville, we would set an all-time hockey record." Something since claimed without dispute by Delisle, with no close second, as at present we have Max, Doug, Bev, Dickie Butler and Jackie Miller belonging to the Hawks, all Delisle products.

The Bentley trio returned home for the 1932-33 season to renew competition for the provincial senior title formerly held by Delisle. Saskatoon won these play-offs more by good management than by hockey skill. During one of the final games of the provincial play-offs with Saskatoon Quakers, the latter objected to the width of Murray's goal pads. Foolishly, the manager, William, Sr., acceded to their wishes and Murray donned a light pair of pads which afforded little protection and which in the opinion of many fans were doubtless instrumental in bringing about Delisle's defeat.

William, Sr., since realized the thing that should have been done was to play the game under protest and settle the issue later. "Live and learn," says Bill.

In the year 1932, hockey was to lose one of the best players and mentors in Western Canada in the person of good-natured Jack who, due to the unexpected loss of his wife, took no further continuous part in provincial hockey. Raising a family and farming occupied most of his time.

The four older brothers also spent some considerable time on the farm during the spring, summer and harvest seasons, but the two younger brothers, Max and Doug, had little love for the agrarian industry and pass most of their summers playing baseball, which they love equally as well as hockey and are as nearly equally proficient in. Max and Doug also love game hunting which they do regularly and successfully when they don't get lost. In the fall they shoot ducks and geese and in the summer "odd ball" or "pea pool."

At present Max and Doug are the managing owners of a local freezing plant recently acquired, and managed by Jack in their absence.

Few baseball tournaments have been held in the past fifteen years at the Saskatoon Exhibition in which this family was not represented.

In the summer of 1943, during his first year in the army, Max easily made the Currie Barracks' baseball team which beat the Edmonton Yanks for the Alberta title, and then went on to take the Winnipeg team for the Western

REG. BENTLEY

Club	Results	Years
Local Hockey Clubs	Conditioning	1931-36
Kerrobert Tigers	W. Can. Int. Champions	1934-35
Saskatoon Senior Quakers	Prov. Eliminations.	1936-37
Moose Jaw Sr. Millers	Prov. Finals. Lead Scoring	1937-38
Drumheller Miners	Prov. Int. Finals	1938-39
Drumheller Miners	Led Scoring	1939-40
Saskatoon Quakers	League	1940-41
Kansas City	League.	1941-42
Chicago Black Hawks.	League	1942-43
Currie Barracks Army	Alberta Prov. Champions.	1943-44
Currie Barracks Army	Alberta League.	1944-45
New Westminster Royals.	57 Points	1945-46
New Westminster Royals.	71 Points	1946-47
Saskatoon Sr. Quakers	Among Leading Scorers	1947-48

Canadian championship. Max here won the batting average medal.

Both Max and Doug have been on provincial championship fast ball teams. The summer of 1947 saw a rather indefatigable baseball team built around a quintet of Bentleys—Max, Doug, Reg, Roy and son Bev.

Spectacular plays were common, but crack first-sacker Bev got more than his share. On two occasions in one game he ran twenty-five yards into foul territory, through the usual heap of line-sitters and finished up with the batted foul on top of a parked auto, only to repeat the same show less than ten minutes later. Max is noted for covering the circuit, when two men are on bases. Grinning Reg, behind the bat, is noted for his humor, and Roy for his regular error. This club was among the few in the Province to beat the colored Ligon All-Stars.

After having played over ninety games in one season, they easily topped the Saskatoon and District league finals, although the writer picked the North Battleford club for the best balanced team of nearly locals. Their young heaver, Lorne Cooke, at twenty years of age, really has the makings.

The team became noticeably doggy after winning over eighty games and tournaments, four in succession on three occasions, and not until then were the Commodores defeated. Seven losses in over ninety games is really not bad. In spite of considerable expense, the club wound up the season in the blue.

Max played a few final games for a Calgary, Alta., club, where he had been invited to play the season, but refused for valid reasons, while Doug was busy at home with coaching duties, assisting manager Arch. Reynolds.

During the season of 1931-32 a fourth son, Wyatt (Scoop) entered the hockey feud.

Scoop was a nickname given to Wyatt in the early days of his hockey because of a suggested method of recovering the puck at times. In hockey circles this name has stuck to him in his entire career to date. After several years of local training Scoop associated himself with the Saskatoon Senior Elites, while brother Roy went to the Moose Jaw Senior Millers for two seasons.

The fifth male addition to the family, Doug, present star left-winger for the Chicago Black Hawks, entered junior ranks with the championship Saskatoon Wesleys in 1933-34, after the usual conditioning and training at home.

During this season Scoop accepted the offer of the Saskatoon Senior Quakers. It was about this time that Doug learned to become so



Doug Bentley. Doug shoots, and—

evasive. As a stripling playing senior hockey, Doug early learned to avoid the big fellows after being really taken out once. Reg and Jack took a rest for the season in Delisle, and Roy spent his first season in a professional club, the Duluth Hornets, after refusing two previous professional offers.

The 1934-35 season found Scoop on the line of the progressive Kerrobert (Sask.) intermediate Tigers, coached by home town Pat Patterson, later of Saskatoon Senior Quakers.

Jimmie Frank, later star Detroit goalie, was in the nets for this team, which swept aside provincial intermediate competition with little trouble and went on to annex the inter-provincial synthetic title, the end of intermediate competition.

It was during the 1935-36 season that the Mintos of Prince Albert acquired a number of Melville boys: Jimmie Franks, Alex. Motter and Phil. Bezzler, and took the provincial senior title. All the above boys joined the N.H.L. the follow-

ing year. The writer was fortunate in having been the physical director of these boys in Melville a few years previous.

The next season the kid brother, Max, coached by brother Roy, made his hockey debut after some good local intermediate competition, at fifteen years of age. After a year of midget hockey with Rosetown, brother Roy induced him to enter his intermediate Red Wings, with brother "Scoop" in this town, which has one of the cleanest and finest records of any Saskatchewan town. Max later showed the effects. Doug spent the 1934-35 season with the senior Regina Vics, and Jack, accompanied by another husky local defenseman, Archie Reynolds, stepped over to Bawlf, Alta., to act as playing coach for the single season. While on this adventure Jack demonstrated his versatility by hiking to Camrose, Alta., during off time, joining three young strangers and returning with a curling cup. Jack also was an entry in the recent, much noised

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The next season marked the beginning of a provincial demand for Bentleys in senior hockey. Thus the following season finds the boys a bit scattered throughout the Province. Scoop and Roy with the Rosetown Red Wings, Doug with the Moose Jaw Millers, Jack at home, and Reg with the Saskatoon senior Quakers.

The last addition to the family, Max, was in the meantime going through the routine of preliminary training and playing at home, or near it, in order to fit himself for the best competition, where we find him shortly.

The next season, 1936-37, Jack again rather reluctantly remained at home to carry on his family duties, in spite of numerous offers from points throughout Western Canada to either coach, or play with a squad, or to do both. He, however, continues to play occasional local games and coach younger teams as he is doing today. A gift to hockey which is not easily overestimated. Jack also specializes in fancy skating which he used to display annually at carnival time.

An epoch in Bentley hockey history was marked in the 1937-38 season, when Scoop, Roy and Max formed the line for the Drumheller Miners, Alberta intermediate champions, while Doug and Reg remained with the senior Moose Jaw Millers, who went on to the provincial finals with the Flin Flon Bombers, after annexing the South Saskatchewan title.

The Bentley quintet—Scoop, Doug, Roy, Reg and Max—formed an entire team for the Drumheller Miners the following season, when Reg was top scorer and Roy playing coach for four seasons.

During the play-offs, due to an influenza epidemic, the above quintet were the only active members of the team, although two of these boys practically required assistance in getting on the ice, so badly were they used up. Consequently, in one of their hardest fought battles to date, they were nosed out in the provincial intermediate finals by the Swift Current Indians, who went on to win the Western Canadian intermediate title. This year of play left an indelible impression on the minds of both players and fans.

For a group of boys of average playing weight of 140 pounds, and average height of five feet, eight inches, miracles were performed. Never will such play be duplicated.

I recall during this season a type of play used by the Bentley team, that the Chicago Black Hawks have used on many occasions this

DOUG BENTLEY

Club	Results	Years
Delisle Senior Tigers	Nor. Saskatchewan Playoffs	1932-33
Saskatoon Junior Wesleys	Prov. Junior Champions	1933-34
Regina Senior Vics.	Eliminated Prov. Playoffs	1934-35
Moose Jaw Senior Millers	Prov. Playoffs	1935-36
Moose Jaw Senior Millers	Prov. Playoffs	1936-37
Moose Jaw Senior Millers	South Sask. Champions	1937-38
Drumheller Int. Miners	Prov. Int. Finals	1938-39
Chicago Black Hawks		1939-40
Chicago Black Hawks	Among High Scorers	1940-41
Chicago Black Hawks	Among High Scorers	1941-42
Chicago Black Hawks	N.H.L. Playoffs. On All-Star National League Team. Led Scoring in National League—73 Points.	1942-43
Chicago Black Hawks	On All-star Nat. League Team Scoring Honors—77 Points.	1943-44
Laura Int. Beavers.	West. Can. Int. Champions	1944-45
Chicago Black Hawks.	N.H.L. Playoffs. Scoring Honors.	1945-46
Chicago Black Hawks.	3rd High Scorer. Combined with Max for a 10-point Team Record in One Game.	1946-47
Chicago Black Hawks.	On N.H.L. All-Star Team.	1947-48

MAX BENTLEY

Club	Results	Years
Rosetown Midgets.	Northern Sask. Playoffs	1935-36
Rosetown Int. Red Wings	Sask. Int. Champions	1936-37
Drumheller Miners	Leading Scorer	1937-38
Drumheller Miners	Third Scoring List	1938-39
Saskatoon Sr. Quakers	Scoring Champion	1939-40
Chicago Black Hawks.	Among High Scorers	1940-41
Chicago Black Hawks.	Among High Scorers	1941-42
Chicago Black Hawks.	N.H.L. Playoffs. Third High Scorer—70 Points. On All-Star N.H.L. Record—7 Points: 4 Goals, 3 Assists, in one game. (Since broken). Won Lady Byng Trophy—Most Gentlemanly Player.	1942-43
Calgary Army Team	Prov. Army Champions	1943-44
Calgary Army Team	Prov. Army Champions	1944-45
Chicago Black Hawks.	N.H.L. Playoffs. Won Los Angeles Times Award as Outstanding Player. High Scorer, 61 Points. Hart Trophy: Most Valuable Player.	1945-46
Chicago Black Hawks.	High Scorer, 2nd Year: 72 Pts. Named one of 10 U.S. Leading Athletes. Combined with Doug for a 10-point Team Record in one game.	1946-47
Chicago Black Hawks.		1947-48
Toronto Maple Leafs		1947-48



Left to Right: Roy, Scoop, Max, Reg, and Doug. The world-famed Bentley quintet, then of Drumheller—Something that will not be repeated in many moons.

past season whenever they had an advantage in man-power. That is, to use five forwards and no defense players, placing Doug and Max on defence, where they swing a mean stick. This type of play was unconsciously used by the Drumheller Miners with the same Max and Doug on defense at times. This outstanding season of play under difficulties drew international attention to the famous hockey family.

The next season, 1939-40, finds Doug playing his initial game in the N.H.L. on left wing with the momentous Chicago Black Hawks, where we find him starring today.

In his first season with the Hawks, Doug was one of the leading scorers, with twelve goals, seven assists, totalling nineteen points.

The next season he collected twenty-six points with eleven goals and fifteen assists in thirty-eight games of hockey, which is followed by his peak in 1942-43. In this season he held the enviable position of top scorer in the N.H.L. with seventy-three points in fifty games, by thirty-three goals and forty assists, simultaneously being the winner of the highest total points award and tying the previous record. For this effort he received the small sum of \$1,000 as a

bonus and numerous smaller prizes. He followed this the same season with a play-off record of twelve points, with eight goals and four assists in nine play-off games of the N.H.L., as well as making the all-star national league team, which he repeated the following year. During this season of remarkable achievements, he was the "big power" on the high scoring forward line of Smith, Bentley and Mosienko, that scored 219 points with ninety-three goals and 126 assists. This also placed him with the leading scorers again, having netted thirty-eight and assisted in thirty-nine others, to make a total of seventy-seven points in fifty games.

After they finished the eventful and glorious 1942-43 season with the Hawks, Doug, Reg and Max went on an escapade to California in search of excitement, which they tell me, they found between Hollywood and Tijuana, Mexico.

The San Diego Skyhawks pleasantly welcomed the Bentley line to their club for a charity series with Victoria in aid of the United States Naval Relief.

The San Diego club was managed by the local stalwart, Archie Reynolds, while Lt. John Taylor supervised the Victoria club, with Chuck



Back Row: Left to Right—Wilkie, Sherban, Hill, Trapp, Allen, Hainstock, Kelsey, D. Bentley, Bryant. Front Row: Berg, Cinnamon, Scott, Featherstone, Ballantyne, M. Bentley, Genet, Wylie.

Rayner in the net. The Skyhawks took the first game and Victoria the next two, and the series.

The Bentley trio then hooked up with the Victoria club composed largely of minor league players in service, for a nine-game charity series with the Montreal Canadiens, that season's N.H.L. winners. In the second game of this series played in New Westminster and won by Victoria, 3-2, in which Max scored every goal for Victoria, a spectacular act by Max pleased the crowd. When scoring the second goal he cleverly pulled Broda, who was in the nets for Montreal in this game, out of position by yards and after deliberately thumbing his nose at Broda, calmly flicked in the puck, only to repeat a few minutes later.

Though an exciting series, this was far from profitable as it is rumored the oil company sponsoring it wound up \$4,000 in the red.

In the 1944-45 season after Max and Reg left for the army, Doug, who was frozen to the farm by Dominion legislation, played intermediate hockey with a neighboring village, Laura, Sask. and was largely instrumental in winning the Western Canada Intermediate title for his club, according to Robert J. Bryant, manager of the above team.

Having witnessed several of the play-off games for the Western Canada intermediate title at Saskatoon, I wholeheartedly agree with him.

At times, in this series, Doug was seen to go down the ice, lose the puck and return to a defensive position before the opposition could reach it. A fan stating, "he can skate as fast backwards as most of the players can forward," really hit the nail on the head. Doug is the most orthodox and most beautiful player that ever donned a steel blade. Never before has an individual given such a public demonstration in hockey.

After the series he was heard to remark, "I got as much kick out of winning that Western Canadian title as I did in an N.H.L. series." This comment was followed up by, "I worked a lot harder in these play-offs than I ever have had to in the N.H.L."

These remarks made clear what a game Doug played with these mediocre intermediate clubs. Doug could tell us much, if he would, but he becomes too reserved where his ability is concerned. However, he tells me his greatest thrill came when he scored the goal that tied the world's scoring record and made him leading scorer for the season (1943).

When questioned about his toughest game he replied, "They're all tough."

Doug returned to Chicago in 1945-46, when released from the Province by law, and fought as usual with the Hawks in the N.H.L. play-offs.

Even though the Chicago team is at present in the basement, we look for better days, and before another season ends.

In spite of the position of Chicago in the 1946-47 season, Doug and Max were among the leading scorers of the N.H.L., Max number one, and Doug not far behind in spite of a knee injury six weeks previous to the end of the season.

Whenever Chicago obtains a few more stars in order to draw off the shadows lately following the Bentley brothers, they will be away on their usual scoring splurge. This has recently been attempted in the "big deal." A little less rivalry between the Hawk players would also help. Today (February 26, 1947) the brothers combined for a total of ten points—something of a family record.

At least the Bentley brothers and Mosienko were the exceptions mentioned by President Bill Tobin, when he stated in 1946, "that virtually every member of the Hawks had been placed on the auction block," and "Doug is definitely not for sale.

It will be recalled that this trio spent some time in the hospital together last season, due to injuries.

Doug also winds up this season with a berth on the N.H.L. all-stars. As a gamble in sport, I

predict "Spunky" Doug will be coaching the "Hawks" and in the not too distant future. More hockey ability is possessed by no one.

Sentimental brother Max remained with the senior Saskatoon Quakers, where he was scoring champion one season after Doug joined the Hawks, but by the look in his eye, we realized he was not long to follow. Doug deserves much credit for drawing N.H.L. attention to Max, as he knew Max had "it."

Max had also signed up for the second season with the Quakers, when the latter broke their contract by an unjustified salary cut, thereby releasing Max.

At this time, as at all critical times, William, Sr., appeared in the picture and advised Max not to return to the Saskatoon club under any circumstances, even though numerous attempts were made by the Saskatoon club to regain him.

The Chicago club, which had indicated a desire for Max, was notified, and they immediately wired \$500 for Max's transportation. Henceforth, we have the Bentley brothers in N.H.L. hockey, where we expect they will be for some time.

A Bentley trio, Max, Doug and Reg, spent a single season with the Hawks in 1942-43. Max was sent to a farm team for experience during



Two seconds and one goal. Max, with slight maneuvering, paves the way.



Doug was boarded in Montreal, when the defense found it the easiest, if not the best way of stopping him, after all other methods failed.

his first season, but it seemed he had lots, after scoring five times during one of his few minor league games, and he returned to the Hawks to stay. In his first season with the Hawks, Max carefully got to know the ropes and gave the proof thereof the next season, which he finished with the season's record of two goals, two points, in a play-off game. He was also listed with the high scorers, netting thirteen, and assisting in seventeen others, making a total of thirty points, a trifle ahead of brother Doug.

The following year he won the distinguished Lady Byng Trophy, emblematic of the most gentlemanly player in the N.H.L., as well as setting three records with seven points, with four goals and three assists in one game, a record since broken. This, in Max's own words, "was my biggest thrill in hockey." This same season found him third position with high scorers. The winning of such a trophy is sufficiently indicative of the type of player, and speaks for most of the Bentleys, when it concerns the brand of hockey they play.

All of these trophies carry with them a \$1000, bonus.

When questioned about the rating of the brothers, President Bill Tobin of the Hawks replied, "Doug and Max Bentley, aside from being two of the greatest forwards hockey has known, are also two of the best players for team spirit the Black Hawks have ever had. They are an inspiration to the club, and when it comes to general co-operation with Manager Gottselieg and myself, they are wholeheartedly enthusiastic in their efforts to aid in every way." Few players can draw similar remarks from the President of their club.

The following season the Hawks went great guns, largely due to the Bentley brothers, assisted by Smith and Mosienko. Max was also on the first all-star team.

All other performances were equalled by Max in the 1945-46 season, by winning the prized Hart Trophy, for the most valued player in the N.H.L., as well as being high scorer, only to repeat the latter the next year.

During this writing the press carries a report of Max being named one of the ten outstanding athletes in the United States, an honor seldom won by a hockey player, bringing his career to a spectacular and illustrious peak.

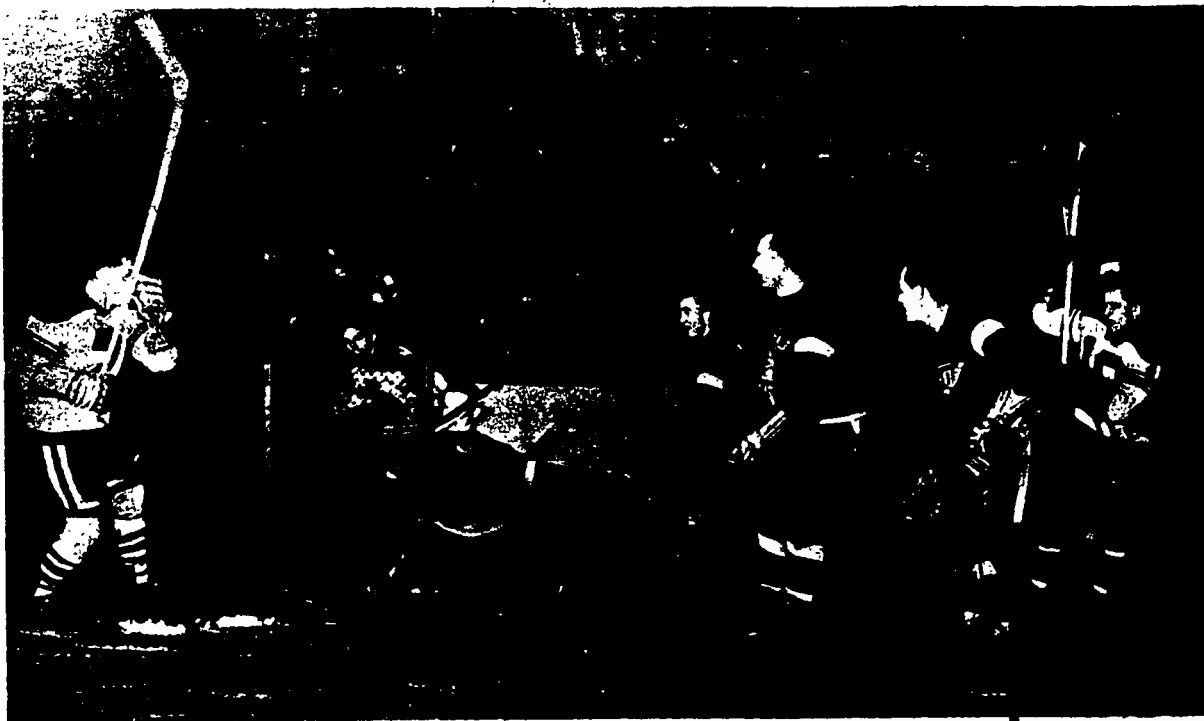
Both Max and Doug were also on the 1947 touring all-stars, playing exhibitions with the Canadiens, and in this season between the two of them, had no more than thirty minutes of penalties. Compare this with the other high scorers. We wondered just how much Conny Smythe was kidding when he offered Bill Tobin five players for Max. Since then it has been proven. This is regarded as the greatest transfer in N.H.L. hockey. Potentially five players for Max is a fair rating; \$75,000 worth of hockey player—not bad.

Max and Syl Apps on a line might be something, but both being centres makes it impossible. It is most regrettable this unequalled brotherly combination must split up. Even "Pop" thinks so. Not much chance for Max with two or three minutes of play per game.

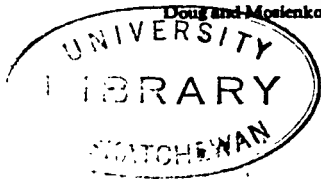
Gus Bodnar who, a few years ago, fed Doug a few inches of stick, is now a team-mate. Yet Boston, Montreal and Toronto once said, "too frail" of him. Today Max is a big boy at 170 pounds, and soon will see 180.



Max Bentley waiting for a pass.



Doug and Mosienko team up for one of their many slippery goals, beating the goalie all the way.



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Reg. as with New Westminster "Royals"

The last opportunity of witnessing the five brothers in action passed with the season of 1938-39. Scoop, Reg and Roy, however, remained with the Alberta coal mining club one more season, before they were lost to the Province.

The years of Bentley hockey in the Alberta town gave the sport a real lift, not mentioning the financial standing. William, who spent much time there, was greatly praised, as his family drew crowds from a great distance for these games. Ex-Mayor Toshak of Drumheller cannot speak too highly of him.

On one occasion "Pop" went to see the boys who were doing things in the mining town. It was the night of the provincial final and "Dad" was justifiably beaming. However, the results were bad for "Pater," the club lost one of the few games of the season.

The following season gave Reg his opportunity for the N.H.L., where he played part of one season with Chicago, on the Bentley line, before being sent to Kansas City club where he was the previous season.

Reg at this time had a bad habit of looking for something in the corners where he always wound up. This habit, we believe, was caused by his speed and great anxiety, but undoubtedly cost him his big chance.

He was again sought by the Hawks during the 1946-47 season, but was not released by the Coast club, we are told.

According to Coach Bobby Kirk of the Saskatoon Quakers, and formerly of the New Westminster Royals, Reg played the best hockey of his career in the 1946-47 season, and could easily be with Max and Doug if he had the drive that the shifty brothers have. Today he is leading the Western Canada hockey league with the Saskatoon Quakers.

Incidentally, Western Canadian senior hockey today is regarded by many hockey experts and coaches as second only to the N.H.L. A place the Coast leagues once held. Many of these teams have four to five ex-N.H.L. players, and don't tell us such ex-N.H.L. players as Reg. Bentley, Keith Burgess and Ken. McAuley are washed up. The latter, due to back injury, was released by the Rangers a few years ago, and has been a stand-out in Saskatchewan ever since. The Kyle brothers in this league are at present in demand by the N.H.L.

Not caring for this restricted type of hockey in the N.H.L., good-natured Reg moved to the Pacific Coast where he hitched up with the New Westminster Royals, a free-playing, rugged team equal to any minor league in the United States. Here he remained, playing excellent hockey for two seasons, with Glen Miller, another local product, with equally rugged technique. While in Pacific Coast hockey he has always been in the top scoring brackets, and has added sufficient polish to place him in the N.H.L. even at his age.

"Serious" Roy also left his native Province after his colorful four seasons with the mining squad. He tried the senior B.C. Trail Smoke Eaters for one season, and the second season coached their juveniles to a Western Canadian championship, with his son, Bev, in the nets.

Up to this time Bev had been a flashy forward when, due to the illness of the regular goalie, his Dad put him in the goal for trial. He improved so rapidly that by the end of the season he was a star goalie, which he continued to be in juvenile, junior and senior ranks.

He returned to coach the junior Moose Jaw Canucks to the Western Canada junior championship for the 1944-45 season. Then, after a year's coaching of local clubs, he departed for Swift Current intermediate Indians, five times Provincial intermediate winners, and twice Western Canadian intermediate titlists, for the past season, to resume his coaching duties, accompanied by a flashy local product, Hubert Scott. He is engaged for the current season by Medicine Hat, Alberta, as coach of an elite junior squad.

After the eventful years with the Alberta Miners, Scoop played one year with each of two

successful senior clubs, the Moose Jaw Millers and the Trail Smoke Eaters, going on to the Provincial finals in each case.

• Western Canadian hockey leagues at this time were a closely observed source of supply for the N.H.L., minor hockey league and the Pacific Coast hockey league, north and south. It, therefore, surprised us little that Scoop should go to the Pacific Coast, to remain there to date.

Here is a prize our N.H.L. scouts have overlooked, to the advantage of Pacific Coast hockey.

Both years with the New Westminster club he was among the leading scorers, and both years the club went on to win the Coast league hockey championship. The first season, 1943-44, the club went on to compete for the Allan Cup, since this club was in the Canadian division. Two Western clubs were defeated before this club met its Waterloo at Port Arthur.

Frank Dotten, manager of the Seattle Ironmen, has, due to Scoop's effective stick-checking, placed him on defence for the past two seasons, where he is doing remarkable work in spite of his size. In the 1945-46 season he collected forty-six

points. Not bad for a defenseman, and placed his club in the play-offs of the Coast league. In the past season, until his injury early in November, he gained eight points in seven games. The club was then the head of the Coast league and won four straight victories up until his injury. Today it is in a similar position, and Scoop is going to town after his long lay-off.

The Seattle Star reported Frank Dotten as saying: "We'll lose twenty-five per cent. of our effectiveness, as Bentley to me was the most valuable man on the team."

Referring to Scoop's previous injury and crash with himself in Drumheller, Dotten then with a Calgary club, remarked, "I realized just how good a man Bentley was, when the Drumheller fans chased me clear to my hotel after that 1937 crack-up."

After this affair, and Dotten's realization of Scoop's ability, he teamed up with him for the past four years at the Coast.

The Vancouver press stated that "Scoop proved he is the best stick-checker in the league."

Other Pacific Coast press reports were: "There was a terrific let down in morale on the Seattle hockey team when Scoop Bentley broke his leg, as the mite defenseman has played a vital role in the Ironmen's four straight wins."

"Although small, Bentley hounds the puck like a cat and is considered the best stick-checker in the North Division."

These reports suggest the efficiency and value of this diminutive defenseman.

The attending physician stated Scoop would be as good as ever in eight weeks, but the better informed knew "Scoop" was out for the season, as he was in 1937.

Thus we have briefly, and as accurately as possible, traced the ascending career of the world's most noted hockey family.



"Scoop" as leading scorer and flashy wingman of Drumheller Bentley quintet.

SCOOP (WYATT) BENTLEY

Club	Results	Years
Tisdale Intermediates.....	Provincial Eliminations.....	1931-32
Saskatoon Sr. Elites.....	Provincial Eliminations.....	1932-33
Saskatoon Sr. Quakers.....	Provincial Finals.....	1933-34
Kerobert Tigers.....	West. Can. Int. Champions.....	1934-35
Yorkton Terriers.....	Prov. Senior Eliminations.....	1935-36
Rosetown Red Wings.....	Prov. Int. Champions.....	1936-37
Drumheller Miners.....	Prov. Int. Eliminations.....	1937-38
Drumheller Miners.....	Prov. Int. Finals.....	1938-39
Drumheller Miners.....	Prov. Int. Finals.....	1939-40
Moose Jaw Millers.....	Prov. Senior Finals.....	1940-41
Trail Smoke Eaters.....	Prov. Senior Finals.....	1941-42
Local Clubs.....	1942-43
New Westminster Royals.....	Pacific Coast League Champs.....	1943-44
New Westminster Royals.....	Pacific Coast League.....	1943-44
New Westminster Royals.....	Pacific Coast Champions.....	1944-45
Seattle Ironmen Seniors.....	Pacific Coast League—3rd High Scorer.....	1945-46
Seattle Ironmen Seniors.....	Playoff Finals.....	1946-47
Seattle Ironmen Seniors.....	Top of League, Nov. 1947.....	1947-48

A question commonly heard among hockey experts, and one which often leads to much argument and provocation is: Which of the Bentleys do you consider to be the best hockey player? Reg, Doug, Max and Scoop are unquestionably tops, since each of them has at one time or another been named the most valuable member of his team. However, as previously stated, Jack, but for his great misfortune, should have gone as far as any, and like another brother, Roy, possesses remarkable qualities as a coach. Max is commonly regarded as the all-time greatest centre, while many hold the opinion that Doug was at one time his equal, and the writer is, one of them. The four older brothers are unequalled when it comes to stick handling. They bring to mind old "Spunk" Sparrow in that respect, but hand it to Doug and Max for shooting. Nevertheless, in spite of all that is stated, I merely reply, "It takes a mighty lot of beating on ice, to beat any of the six."

In view of the above physical achievements I predict that Dit Clapper's twenty-year record, as a coach and player, should be broken by at least two Bentleys.

What do these boys earn in the N.H.L.? The last couple of years Max and Doug have earned approximately \$8,000 a year as salary. Each additional honor, such as high scorer, carries with it \$1,000 bonus. Max won two of these in 1945-46. Last year each of the boys were on the touring all-star team playing the Canadiens. This gave them additional \$2,500 it is said. Not many N.H.L. players rate so highly, but it must be remembered, these are stars.

I know of no other family that illustrates so clearly an old teaching of physical culturists,

that a man is only as old as he feels. Roy can tell you that. Even in this rugged game, there is no need of any good, careful and well-conditioned athlete thinking his career is finished before reaching the age of forty years.

We are told that the feminine sextette also played some of their brothers' chief pastime, and with no little effort. However, after a few years of largely male opposition, they abandoned the sport for lack of female competition. In fact, they often afforded much opposition to the brothers.

There is another Bentley family, Mr. Martin Bentley, whose boys, Ray, Marshall and Noel, also play a fair brand of hockey, but have never reached the heights. It is not the writer's purpose to cover this family.

Brief comment on the third generation might also be in order.

Jackie Junior, who inherits his father's speed and stick-handling, does not, however, seem to have come to his own yet as a Bentley, although William has big hopes for this boy because of his unusual speed.

Two years ago he finished the season with the provincial juvenile champions, the Moose Jaw Canucks, after several years of local skirmishing, and at this writing has joined the flashy Rose-town intermediate Red Wings, where he finished the 1946-47 season. For the present season he is going nicely with the Medicine Hat junior squad, coached by his Uncle Roy. If Roy can bring this boy along as he did his own boy, Beverley, we really have another Bentley.



The Once Famous Bentley Line.



Left to Right: Jack, Roy, Scoop, Rag, Doug, Max. The Bentley Sextet as they look today.

Bev, after a few years of local practice, hitched up in 1943-44 with the Trail, B.C., juveniles which his Dad coached to a Western Canadian title. In the 1944-45 season, he joined the Moose Jaw Junior Canucks which again went on to a Western Canada title, coached by his Dad. He next stepped to the nets of the Nanaimo, B.C., junior squad, from which he returned to the Moose Jaw club for the past season, which again wound up with a Western Canadian title.

For the current season, Bev, after graduating from junior hockey, which he finished with the spectacular 1947 Dominion play-offs, goes to one of the Black Hawk minor clubs. We'll soon have two Bentleys with the Hawks again—looks like. For the present season Bev has been loaned to Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast league for one season.

Brother Billy, a delicate type of a boy, avoids this rough sport.

These lads will have some little difficulty in upholding the family tradition.

Scoop, with a single, and Max, with a pair of future prospects, have greater hopes.

At their ages, these lads already show a great interest in Daddy's work.

In a few more decades "Bentleys" may still be playing our national game, but without the present guiding hand, which no doubt will be replaced by equally capable and more experienced hands.

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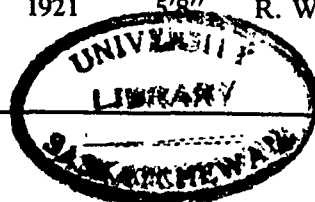
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	G.P.	G.	A.	P.	Pen.
Max Bentley, Chicago	60	29	43	72	12
Maurice Richard, Canadiens.....	60	45	26	71	69
Billy Taylor, Detroit.....	60	17	46	63	35
Milt Schmidt, Boston.....	59	27	35	62	40
Ted Kennedy, Toronto.....	60	28	32	60	27
Doug Bentley, Chicago.....	52	21	34	55	18

CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS

1947-48

<i>Player's Name and Place of Birth</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Position</i>
George Gee, Stratford, Ont.....	1922	5'11"	Centre
Bob Goldham, Georgetown, Ont.	1922	6'1"	Defence
Adam Brown, Scotland	1922	5'11"	L. Wing
Alex Kaleta, Canmore, Alta.	1919	5'11"	L. Wing
Doug Bentley, Delisle, Sask.....	1916	5'8"	L. Wing
Gus Bodnar, Ft. William, Ont.....	1923	5'10"	R. Wing
Gaye Stewart, Ft. William, Ont.	1923	5'11"	L. Wing
Bud Poile, Ft. William, Ont.....	1924	6'	Centre
Roy Conacher, Toronto, Ont.....	1928	6'1"	L. Wing
John Mariucci, Eveleth, U.S.A.....	1917	5'10"	Defence
Ralph Natras, Gainsborough, Sask.	1925	6'	Defence
Bill Gadşby, Calgary, Alta.	1927	6'	Defence
Metro Prestai, Yorkton, Sask.	1927	5'10"	Defence
Robt. Hamill, Toronto, Ont.....	1917	5'11"	R. Wing
Emile "Cat" Francis, North Battleford	—	5'7"	Goal
Dick Butler, Delisle, Sask.....	1926	5'6½"	R. Wing
Wm. Mosienko, Winnipeg, Man.....	1921	5'8"	R. Wing



1949-1950 REVISION

The Famous Bentleys

By W. R. Thurn

This booklet was printed early in 1948, and much hockey water has flowed under the bridge since that date.

In this brief revision an attempt is being made to bring you up-to-date with the Bentleys.

In several cases it may largely be routine hockey, but a few incidents of considerable significance are worthy of recognition and relation.

Reg as has been previously indicated, continues to play outstanding hockey for the Saskatoon Quakers. Only the cellar position of the club and poor crowds frequently caused Reg to lose heart—and coast; but whenever a real game was played, Reg was certainly in it.

He was offered a berth on the roster of last season's high-flying Spokane Flyers, after performing a brother act with "Scoop" in the play-offs of the A.A.H.A., with the Flyers, made possible by the early exit of the Saskatoon Quakers from the W.C.H.L.

The picture looks much more promising for the coming season in the Quaker camp, with the fiery "Bill" Hunter as manager and the ex. N.H.L. star Nick Metz as coach. It is also rumored that attempts were made to place Bev Bentley in goal. This impossibility would really have sealed the team.

As for Reg we believe that the American offer was turned down because of a greater love for his native city and province, together with the fact, that a much more rugged calibre of hockey is played in the N.W. International League.

When the chips are down "Bull," as Reg is known in Delisle, can still baffle the defence and worry any goalie.

"Scoop" the little "worry wart" for anyone hoping to crash the defence, continues to star and retain his popularity in N.W. American hockey leagues where he has played his best and most. ~~His best friend~~ Just this summer a former Seattle "puck chaser" remarked that he would sooner have a bloodhound on his trail, than the stick-checking "Scoop" Bentley. This wiry little defenseman is haunted by misfortune, ~~losing position~~ for part of his third

season with a broken ankle, two of these in a space of three years. Is it any wonder, bucking 220 lb. defencemen?

A cleaner living, harder working, or more sincere athlete is seldom found in hockey circles these days. "Scoop" has recently been named playing manager-coach of the Spokane "Flyers" for the coming season.

The flyers were fortunate in having a pair of Bentleys for the A.A.H.A. playdowns, last season.

They experienced a little difficulty in coping the N.W. International League by defeating a tough Kimberley, B.C. team, in straight games. They then went on to hastily eliminate Great Falls, Mont. and Hibbings, Minn., and just as easily the New York Rovers. The Windsor "Spitfires" were then defeated for the A.A.H.A. title.

Somewhat of a record was established, as only one game was lost in the playoffs by this club.

It would have been interesting to see this club meet our Allan cup winners, but it seems the Senators wanted none of that.

The Saskatoon Quakers have recently robbed the Flyers of several players, which may weaken the club and the loss of their coach Joe Benoit to Nelson, B.C.



"Bev" Bentley

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The Regina Caps with Bev, who is Black Hawk property, in goal, seemed definitely headed for the Allan Cup, conceded even by Easterners, but after a long trip and a longer lay-off, a poorly conditioned and baffled club took to the ice on a bath tub rink. Few in the West doubted that unique shaped rink was responsible for the Caps defeat. Bev declared, that it was nearly impossible to clear a puck, it only came back at you like a billiard ball. How the C.A.H.A. permitted Allan Cup finals to be played on an elliptical rink, still baffles the writer.

No wonder the Senators regularly defeated visiting N.H.L. teams in exhibition games on their own ice.

Regina, we hear, is determined, if the East ever comes West for the finals to insist on bob skates, so that they may look their childish part also.

At least the Calgary Stampeders could not be stopped in Rugby last fall; but with a couple of years, thought the East may come up with some distorted Rugby field, or rules in order to do so.

Bev was brought West last season after playing a few games with the "Hawks" and their farm team the "Kansas City Playmors."

It has recently been announced that Bev will this season mind the nets of the Kitchener-

Waterloo "Flying Dutchmen" in order to be handy in case the "Hawks" may need him.

A correction is here in order. Billy, Bev's brother, has the past few seasons been playing some quite classy hockey himself in a senior league in New Westminster, B.C. This makes all the Bentleys hockey players.

Uncle Roy coached an aggressive junior club in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, last season, but they, because of some tough breaks, were eliminated early in the playoffs. Roy is taking another try with this club for the coming season, and hopes to make a better showing this year. He is fortifying his team with three local boys who may prove themselves. They are "Buster" Howard Green, Emil Jurista and "Pee Wee" Billy Worth.

During the summer while not playing much baseball himself, Roy lent a helping hand in coaching a "Pee Wee" club.

"Old" Jack as he is often called, because of having a son by the same name and because he is the oldest of the boys is still a Delisle native. He is rather inactive in hockey circles and may often be found in more secluded corners, but seems to specialize in \$2,000 automobile bonspiels.

"Baldy" or "Gentleman Jack" as he may be called goes peacefully about his daily work molesting no one as he did in hockey days. Occasionally he takes Doug's Cosmopolitan for a test spin.

Little Jackie as he is known in Delisle, played local hockey with none too good a club the past season, but may, if and when he puts on a bit of beef, land a better club.

Max had only a mediocre season in 1947-48, his first year with the Leafs—perennial Stanley Cup winners. Only occasionally did he show spurts of his real self, because only occasionally did he have an opportunity, with but a few minutes on the ice each game. In the 1948-49 season a slight improvement was noted, but only spasmodically demonstrated. He did, however, come to his own on two successive occasions to score winning goals, for a price, a supposedly prize colt for each, when Chas. Hemstead, racehorse king, rather blusteringly challenged him to do so.

According to Western publicity these were to be the pick of his stables; but turned out to be little more than "crow-bait," according to the Ross stables at Winnipeg, who handled them. One placed, once or twice, and the other was lost in a claiming race. This was good pay in case of the latter. "A feeble gesture for such publicity," one might say.

Max, it will be recalled, was purchased by the Leafs as a safety man, and has been not much more ever since—save for other high scorers at

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least. Soon Max may not have that spark left that carried him to the top in scoring two successive years. Unless he can duplicate the unheard of record of little Doug, who as usual was the big power on the Chicago line in 1947-48 and wound up third high scorer. This was only surpassed in the 1948-49 season, when he split top scoring money with Roy Conacher, when it was feared that he might beat the latter, whom it seems was definitely groomed for the spot. He was also on the last two N.H.L. All-Star teams.

Indications of many American fans are that Roy lost much popularity by this only too obvious method.

Two never-to-be-forgotten nights in Chicago last spring will best illustrate, just how fan clubs over there feel about "Our Doug."

On the night of March 2nd some 18,000 fans attended the memorable "Doug Bentley Night," when he was presented with a Lincoln Cosmopolitan and numerous other gifts in appreciation of his hockey efforts. No wonder, as one fan stated "tears came to the modest little fellow's eyes, when they carried him on the ice." This was the greatest honor that fans have ever bestowed on any player to date. Only one thing might have made it a greater night—had Max remained in Chicago.

Montreal feebly made a similar attempt to honor Durnan, but it lacked colour. Only Chicago fans seem to know how an event of such magnitude should be staged. Thanks to Joe Farrell publicity manager and the four fan clubs, instrumental in making it a success.

Just when Doug was beginning to sleep at night and avoid being mobbed by fans in the day time, another equally colorful night was in the offing. On March 12 just ten days after the big night, the fans not being quite satisfied with the honor they had done Doug, decided to go one better. A dance in his honor was attended by an equal number of fans to the above. Just what more could they do? No more popular or colorful player can be found in the N.H.L. Believe Chicago!

Only our frigid Canadian winter prevented the writer from attending the above, after plans and arrangements for same had been completed. Some people never get a break.

Doug's fans would care little to see him coach any other club, as long as he "fires" like he did the past season.

Speaking of honors for the Bentleys, the town of Delisle has accepted their good fortune too much as a matter of fact. One year ago for the first time, the boys, with many relatives present were given a bit of a "showy" farewell, after the reception planned for the spring failed

to materialize. The provincial newspapermen also think the boys have had enough publicity. One person at least does not agree.

The little town of Delisle would hardly be a spot on the map without these boys and with their hockey and baseball fame. Many feel that an annual reception in the spring would be an ideal way of showing that the villagers have been noting their seasonal success. It must be admitted, that the extreme modesty of this family makes it almost impossible to publicly honor them, at times it appears they have had too much of that.

It would be rather incomplete to discuss the Bentleys without some reference to baseball.

The past season saw a more powerful Delisle Club than Saskatchewan has seen for some time, coached and managed largely by Doug and Max. This was due in no small way to the usual quintet of Bentleys, together with the pick of importees, amongst them two dusky Americans, who proved very valuable to the club and popular with the fans.

Bev played his usual sensational ball and led Saskatchewan players with only one error for the season in league games.

Doug was the usual safe hitter and "sure catch," while Max as in all emergencies, made the circuit with the bases loaded.

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With such a combination it was not difficult to annex the Provincial crown, by ousting Moose Jaw Canucks—the Southern Champs after taking the Northern crown with not too much difficulty. Doug also edged out Max for the high batting average. Only a few months before Max was honored at the opening of the league, with the presentation of the trophy for the previous year.

Financially the club did not suffer, something like \$20,000 was garnered in tournament money, by winning such tournaments as—Lloydminster \$2,000 the Saskatoon \$2,000 and \$1,500 tournaments and the Moose Jaw \$1,500 tournament.

They were, however, opposed by a powerful rival, the Sceptre club, that was able to defeat Delisle in numerous games, some of these were at the Rosetown \$2,000, and the Foam Lake \$2,000 tournaments and the Saskatoon Exhibition series.

Very commonly several of the boys were borrowed by other clubs for exhibition games. One rather outstanding event was when the Saskatoon Legion team packed with Delisle stars whipped the St. Louis Colored Cardinals for the first defeat in Saskatchewan.

The Delisle club proved popular whenever good ball was dished up, yet the fans always relished witnessing any team that could defeat them which was done at times.

Considerable popularity was lost by the club, when they failed to fulfil a league engagement,

for better pickings at a tournament. The several thousand fans who awaited in vain their arrival could not see it that way.

At present all the boys are harvesting as several of them have never been seen to do so before. That little crop must be cleared up before the dead line, which comes before the close of September, but they still do not milk cows.

Rest assured "Scoop" will some evening jump off a tractor to board the train or plane for Spokane, where he will probably star in his very first game as he did last season.

It thus appears our remaining Bentleys' activity in hockey will continue to be so for some time to come, and to quote the Head Coach, Lloyd Percival, will "Keep Fit, Work Hard, Play Fair and Live Clean."

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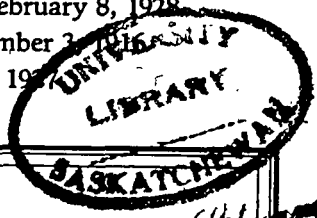
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